

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1, 2 and 4 to 10 and for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 15 to 18. Currently claims 11, 13, 19 and 21 have been amended and, for the reasons indicated hereinafter, it is respectfully submitted that the amendments to these claims effectively overcome all of the Examiner's objections. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of these amendments and the following submissions.

With respect to the initial rejection of claims 19, 21 and 23 to 27 under 35 U.S.C. §112, claims 19 and 21 have been amended at the beginning thereof to delete the words "such as window frames". It is respectfully submitted that with these amendments, independent claims 19 and 21 are now quite clear and definite and they now comply fully with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Claims 23 to 27 depend directly or indirectly on these claims and are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

With respect to the rejection of claims 11, 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), claim 11 has been amended now to include the subject matter of original claim 18 which has now been canceled. As the Examiner indicated that claim 18 contained allowable subject matter (on page 7 of the Office Action), it is submitted that claim 11 is clearly now in condition for allowance.

With respect to the rejection of claim 13, an independent claim, the initial portion of this claim has been amended to include the subject matter of original claim 15, which has now been canceled. Again, since the Examiner indicated that claim 15 contained allowable subject matter, claim 13 should now be clearly in condition for allowance.

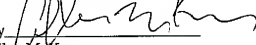
With respect to claim 14, it is noted that this claim is dependent upon claim 13 and accordingly claim 14 is allowable for the same reasons as claim 13.

Conclusion

For the above cited reasons, all of the claims presently pending in this application are believed to be allowable. If the Examiner has any further questions or concerns, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney.

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